



Al Ain English Speaking School

Preschool Learning Pathway

Week beginning: 24.02.25

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children settle quickly back into their daily classroom routines after the mid-term break. The children and teachers have really enjoyed diving into, and starting to explore their new learning topics through exciting hooks to grab their interests and curiosities.



Our Term 2 Values

Resilience

Care



This half term, we will be concentrating on the value of Resilience. Resilience is having a 'can do' attitude and approach to our work and other situations that face us. During this half term, our expectations are that students will be able to develop strategies to persevere, continue to develop a positive and optimistic mindset, and learn how to be more adaptable and flexible when faced with a problem.

Contacting Preschool Teachers:

We are always happy to support in any way we can, so if you have any questions or concerns please send your child's class teacher an email (see addresses below).

When contacting staff please remember they have family time outside of school too. Staff are expected to read emails daily (Monday - Friday) and respond within 24 hours. They may choose to read or respond outside of school hours but please do not expect it. Please also bear in mind that they will be teaching or in meetings during the school day (7.30am - 3.00pm) so will not be able to respond straight away.

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Important Information:

- Gates will open promptly at **7.05am** (Monday - Friday).
- The National Anthem will play at **7.30am** every day.
- Pick up for Preschool is: **1pm or 2.30pm** (Monday - Thursday)
- Pick up for Preschool is: **12pm** on a Friday.

Preschool learning:

Week beginning: Monday 24th February

This week in Literacy, we will explore any new key vocabulary from our Talk For Writing story, "Rosie's Walk," to enhance our understanding of their meanings. As the story follows a route through a farm featuring a flour mill, we will seize the opportunity to learn how to measure ingredients for bread-making in the machine and discuss the changes we observe as it cooks.

This week in Phonics, we will engage with alliterative stories and rhymes, allowing us to explore the fun of sound patterns in language. We will specifically focus on emphasising the initial sounds we hear in various words, helping us to develop our phonemic awareness. As we practice, we will pay close attention to the movement of our tongues when we pronounce these sounds, enhancing our articulation skills. Through this playful approach, we aim to deepen our understanding of phonics while enjoying the rhythm and melody of language.

This week in Math, we will further investigate shapes and their various properties. Through engaging activities, we will learn to identify how shapes can be used to construct, balance, and enrich our drawings. We will also explore how different shapes interact with one another, fostering a deeper understanding of their relationships. By the end of the week, we aim to enhance our creativity and spatial awareness as we apply our knowledge of shapes in practical and artistic ways.

This week in Expressive Art and Design, we will delve deeper into the diverse range of drawings we can create using continuous lines. We will experiment with various techniques to understand how a single, unbroken line can convey movement, emotion, and form. Through hands-on activities, we will encourage creativity and exploration, allowing each student to develop their unique style.

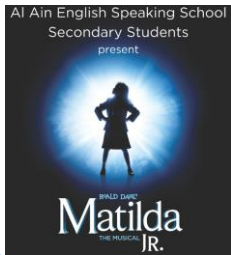
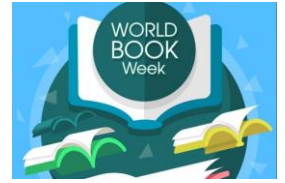
Preschool PE Days:

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On their PE days, students should wear their PE kit to school.

Upcoming events

Week beginning: 3rd March 2025

Throughout the week beginning the 3rd March 2025, the students will be recognising World Book Day. We will complete a number of activities to promote a love of reading. Further information to follow soon.



Matilda the musical

Matilda the musical productions are taking place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February. To book your tickets please use the QR code on the poster.

Week beginning: 24th February 2025

Our Primary Specialist Parent-Teacher meetings will be held, Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th February between 2:50pm and 5pm.



Values

Resilience



Inspired by the legacy of the founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, we will focus on the value of **Resilience** in Term 2.

Our expectations are that students will:

- Develop strategies to persevere
- Have a 'can do' approach to problem solving and new learning
- Develop a positive and optimistic mindset
- Learn how to be more adaptable and flexible when faced with a problem

Al Ain English Speaking School
Secondary Students
present



ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.



When? 25 & 26 February

Doors Open at 5PM

Where? AAESS Auditorium

BOOK YOUR SEAT TODAY!



This week in pictures:

